

SOLIDAGO TENUIFOLIA A WEED IN RHODE ISLAND. — Several persons call my attention to the prevalence in Rhode Island of *Solidago tenuifolia* as a weed. It is locally known as Jemimy weed, and is said to have first attracted attention about the time that Jemimy Wilkinson left Central Rhode Island. It was considered "a curse put upon the country for a repudiation of her doctrine."

A correspondent, Mr. W. H. Bennett of Apponaug, from whom I derive this information, says: "No animal will attempt to eat it, and it spreads with great rapidity. Nothing but persistent pulling will ever keep it down. It is even now increasing all over pasture and waste lands, and bids fair to crowd out all else."

Mr. J. F. Collins and I, in 1894, noted its prevalence on Block Island. — W. W. BAILEY, Brown University.

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WE have received a little four-page circular entitled Notes on the Flora of Hartford, Litchfield and Tolland Counties [Connecticut], by A. W. Driggs of East Hartford. The circular is dated September 1, 1900, but, unfortunately, no place of publication is mentioned. In it are recorded notes on the local distribution of fifty spermatophytes and pteridophytes, a few of them species not included in Bishop's Catalogue of Connecticut Plants. The circular can presumably be obtained from its author.

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MR. H. K. MORRELL publishes in the Gardiner (Maine) Reporter Journal for June 18, 1900, a vigorous appeal for the extermination of the King Devil Weed, *Hieracium praealtum*, "the worst pest ever introduced in Maine"; and suggests that every landowner in the region infested by this weed ought to keep it from his own grounds, and that the State should take active measures toward the eradication of the plant where it now has a foothold. "Within four years it has spread from the old Bartlett and Dennis field in West Gardiner, till now Randolph, Chelsea, Farmingdale, and West Gardiner are pretty badly infected with it, and it is spreading into Richmond, Gardiner, and Litchfield."

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